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2 Red Lake men charged in connection with sexual contact with minors

In separate federal cases, two Red Lake men were charged last week in connection with alleged sexual contacts with minors.

Donald Wayne Clark, 26, was indicted Dec. 7 with one count of aggravated sexual abuse. Clark's indictment alleges that on March 4, 2007, he knowingly caused a 14-year-old girl to engage in a sexual act within the boundaries of the Red Lake Indian Reservation.

If convicted, Clark faces a potential maximum penalty of life in prison. All sentences are determined by a federal district court judge. This case is the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Erica H. MacDonald and William Otteson.

On Dec. 7, Bryan Durrell Stately, 20, was charged with one count of abusive sexual contact of a minor. The charges state that on March 19, 2007, Stately knowingly engaged in sexual contact with a 9-year-old girl on the Red Lake Indian Reservation.

If convicted, Stately faces a potential maximum penalty of life in prison. All sentences are determined by a federal district court judge. This case is the result of an investigation by the FBI, and is also being prosecuted by MacDonald.

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An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by the defendant. The defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial.